

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of July 5, 2005.
Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The Office Action

Claims 10, 11, and 19–21 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Koponen et al. (US Patent No. 5,852,963).

Claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated or, in the alternative, under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Koponen et al. or Koponen et al. in view of Frye (US Patent No. 4,410,315).

The Claims of the Present Application Distinguish Over the Cited References

Claim 10 recites "a nozzle adapted to direct a stream of fluid ... [that] generate[s] a pressure that guides said strip toward said scrap receiver."

Koponen et al. (Koponen) discloses a jet pipe (nozzle) 40 that directs an air jet AC to paper particles produced when a web W is cut by water cutter 20d. The air jet AC, which is directed to an opposite side of the web W than the cutter 20d, moves the particles on that side of the web W away from the web. However, Koponen fails to disclose, and is not concerned with, a nozzle adapted to direct a stream of fluid that generates "a pressure that guides a strip toward a scrap receiver," as recited in **claim 10**.

Frye discloses a trim chute (scrap receiver) 15 cooperatively related to a slitter 10 for receiving a trim strip T. Nozzle 33 provides air in the chute 15 for folding the trim strip. Nozzle 34 provides air in the chute 15 for encouraging advancement of the strip T to a conveyor 31. Since the nozzles 33, 34 are in the chute 15, the nozzles 33, 34

cannot direct a stream of fluid that generates a pressure that guides the strip toward the chute (scrap receiver), as recited in **claim 10**.

As discussed above, neither Koponen nor Frye discloses or is concerned with a pressure that guides a strip toward a scrap receiver, as recited in **claim 10**. Therefore, **claim 10** and **claims 11–13, 19 and 20** that depend therefrom are patentable over Koponen and Frye, either taken alone or in combination.

Claim 21 recites a fluid stream generating a pressure that guides a trim strip toward a scrap receiver. As discussed above, Koponen is not concerned with a pressure that guides a strip toward a scrap receiver, as recited in **claim 21**. Therefore, **claim 21** is patentable over Koponen.

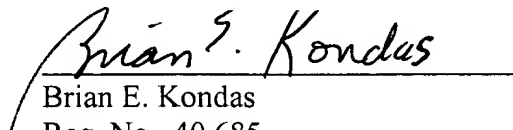
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

It is believed that there is no fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment. Should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all such other fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.

Respectfully submitted,

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